

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

LAW DAY

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, throughout the 219-year history of the State of North Carolina, lawyers have provided service to this state, including William Hooper and John Penn, signers of the Declaration of Independence, William Blount, signer of the U.S. Constitution, James Iredell, the sixth associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and James Caswell the first Governor; and

WHEREAS, there are 22,222 active attorneys and 395 state judges currently licensed to practice law in North Carolina according to the North Carolina State Bar and the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts respectively; and

WHEREAS, approximately 3,200 students are studying law in the state's seven existing law schools located at Campbell University, Charlotte School of Law, Duke University, Elon University, North Carolina Central University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Wake Forest University; and

WHEREAS, the national observance of Law Day was first proclaimed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on February 3, 1958; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Bar Association, with more than 13,500 members including nearly 4,750 members of its Young Lawyer's Division, encourages North Carolina students in grades four through twelve to participate in law-related competitions held in conjunction with its annual Law Day Celebration; and

WHEREAS, this State and Nation are better places to live because of our strong tradition of liberty and justice, and because of the contributions of dedicated members of the legal profession, this year proudly marks the 51st observance of Law Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2008, as "LAW DAY" in North Carolina and urge our citizens to recognize the significance and heritage of our legal system.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol on this nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.